



Utah Crop Progress & Conditions

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Agricultural Summary

Farmers continue to hope that recent fires do not destroy valuable rangeland and pasture. Days suitable for fieldwork was 6.8 days. Livestock around the state continue to do well.

Field Crops Summary

Across the state winter wheat was 85 percent harvested compared to 72 percent the previous week. Barley was 70 percent harvested compared to 50 percent harvested the previous week. Alfalfa 3rd cutting was 38 percent harvested compared to 14 percent the previous week. Box Elder County reports that the wheat harvest is just about finished and area farmers are preparing fields to be replanted to fall grain or alfalfa on the irrigated land. Farmers with irrigation under the Bear River Canal System have good crops with some producers reporting that they will be cutting 4th crop alfalfa this week. The corn and onion crops continue to look good as long as the irrigation water can continue to be applied. Weber County reports farmers are finishing up on 3rd crop alfalfa, and corn should require one more irrigation. Utah County reports that irrigated crops look pretty good, while 3rd crop hay and the barley harvest are underway. Beaver County reports that farmers are finishing up 2nd crop alfalfa while the recent weather has aided crop progress within the county.

Livestock Summary

Box Elder reports that several fires this week have forced some cattle producers to bring animals home from their summer ranges. The relative feed value of rangeland has been down this year due to the hot temperatures. Producers in the western and northern part of Box Elder continue to struggle with no irrigation water left and the ranges and pastures burning up. Also, farmers were not able to cut much hay this year due to the extreme drought and frost causing high hay prices. Some farmers are having to liquidate some of their animals and calves early. Duchesne County reports that the pastures continue to be dry, but livestock is in good condition. Emery County reports that some of the cattle are being moved off of certain mountain ranges a bit early this year, while other areas are still doing pretty good. The rangelands, which receive moisture, are doing well.

Crop Progress for Week Ending August 12, 2007

Item	Current Week	Previous Week	Previous Year	5 Year Average
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Onions Harvested	20	13	10	7
Barley Harvested (Grain)	70	50	53	57
Oats Harvested (Grain)	54	38	33	40
Spring Wheat Harvested	71	46	53	50
Winter Wheat Harvested	85	72	69	70
Corn Silk Stage	92	74	86	82
Corn Dough Stage	34	20	18	15
Alfalfa Third Cutting	38	14	17	21
Other Hay Cut	92	90	90	93
Peach Harvested	20	17	17	16

Crop & Livestock Condition for Week Ending August 12, 2007

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Range & Pasture	13	29	39	19	0
Spring Wheat	2	10	42	40	6
Winter Wheat	0	10	33	42	15
Barley	0	3	29	53	15
Corn	0	1	24	58	17
Sheep	0	0	17	75	8
Cattle/calves	0	1	26	61	12

Livestock Percent for Week Ending August 12, 2007

Item	Current Week	Previous Week	Previous Year	5-Year Average
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Cattle Moved from Summer Range	47	45	34	21
Sheep Moved from Summer Range	13	NA	NA	NA

Soil Moisture for Week Ending August 12, 2007

Item	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Topsoil	18	46	36	0
Subsoil	23	46	31	0
Irrigation water supplies	22	42	36	0
Stock water supplies	9	37	54	0